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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 22, 2000 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.111, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to respond up to and including May 22, 2001, accompanied by the appropriate extension fees. In addition, submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement and its required fee.